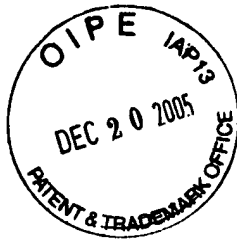


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EIGHTH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese document is enclosed, together with an English abstract that is believed to sufficiently summarize the disclosed subject matter.

The listed documents was cited in a Japanese Office Action, dated November 14, 2005, which was issued on a corresponding counterpart application. A copy of that Office Action is also enclosed.

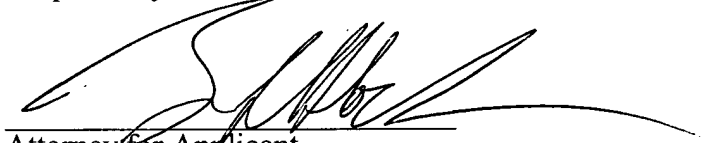
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Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner, that the next official communication indicate that such information has been considered, and that the Examiner initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating that the information listed thereon has been considered and return a copy of the initialed form.

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Respectfully submitted,

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